

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



BECKER MET DEATH WITHOUT FLINCH

Walked Composedly to Electric Chair Chanting Litany.

HIS FINAL STATEMENT.

Protested His Innocence of the Crime for Which He Was Sentenced to the Chair.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker paid the death penalty by electrocution here early today for having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, three years ago. With wonderful composure and maintaining his innocence to the last the former New York police lieutenant led the way to the execution chamber. A photograph of his wife was pinned in his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced life extinct at 5:55 o'clock. With two priests at his side chanting a litany, Becker joining in and repeating "have mercy on us" the condemned man walked steadily to the death chair. He had sat up all night on the edge of his cot talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson.

"I have got to face it and I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to any one."

The deputy warden left Becker about an hour before the time for the execution. When Father Cashion, prison priest, and Father Curry of New York came, they found Becker with his face resting on his hand gazing at the prison floor. They remained with him to the end. To Father Curry he gave his last message, which was:

"I am not guilty by deed, or conspiracy, or in any other way of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

He hesitated a moment as he entered the execution room. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor then suddenly walked over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair.

Three shocks were given before the condemned man was pronounced dead. He was put to death by the State executioner whose name is unknown to the public. He said that in his opinion Becker had died instantly at the first contact.

At 4:30 o'clock he had given out the following typewritten statement as his dying declaration signed in his own bold handwriting:

"My Dying Declaration.

"Gentlemen: I stand before you in my full senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the State which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon every one who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now, on the brink of my grave I declare to the world that I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This announcement is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all good-bye. Father, I am ready to go. Amen.

(Signed)

"CHARLES BECKER."

True Courage.

"I understand that Mr. Grabwell started in life by borrowing \$50. You must admire a man with courage like that." "No, I don't," replied Mr. Growcher. "The man I admire is the one who had the courage to lend him the fifty."

PARAGRAPHIC "POETRY."

Anderson Daily Mail.

Wear a smile; it's worth while.

A moonlight night is the lover's delight.

When the knockers take a city, 'tis a pity, 'tis a pity.

Yes, we hope it will rain some time soon again.

A man never gets to be a sage until he has reached old age.

The Germans are giving Warsaw a deal that is pretty raw.

And almost any sort of a girl can make a fellow's head whirl.

Some of the strikers have struck out, we think, beyond a doubt.

This time next year, we trust, we will not have so much dust.

Now comes a report of another one of those mysterious spots on the sun.

Gratifying, as well as surprising, has been the increase in advertising.

Everybody is of the notion that we must have unrestricted use of the ocean.

The street paving will conserve health and also add to the city's wealth.

But when you are attacked by a bigger you should rejoice that it is not bigger.

Don't growl about the weather, for we really don't care whether you're hot or not.

If you want to make friends you must have tact, and that is an indisputable fact.

Many a concern has gone on the rocks simply because of receiving too many knocks.

And what has become of the old-fashioned chap who always called a crop a crap?

How inscrutable is a poker player's face when he manages to catch the needed ace!

There is no rhyme in this one but we just had to have it in order to fill out the column.

Nashville went into the hands of receivers because her officials were such deceivers.

It is said that time and tide wait for no man, so you should always be punctual, if you can.

Saw a man the other day with a boil on his gum, and we certainly was looking mighty glum.

If a war correspondent gets a good story he considers that he has covered himself with glory.

We should all rejoice that the coming generation will have better opportunities for education.

Tennessee prohibitionists would never say die, and now they have a governor whose name is Rye.

The thermometer yesterday reached ninety-seven, and we hope it won't be that hot in heaven.

The space the newspapers used to give to Harry Thaw is now being given to the fall of Warsaw.

It doesn't do any good, and only gives others a pain, when you keep mouthing about the lack of rain.

Now is the time for all good men to make a contribution to the good and growing cause of prohibition.

The trouble with the average man in the south is that he talks about cotton every time he opens his mouth.

Cheer up; don't look so solemn; we have written this whole column of rhyming paragraphs to try to raise a few laughs.

WOMEN THIEVES IN CHURCHES

Boston Complaints That Band Is Systematically "Working" the Sacred Edifices of That City.

A clever band of woman thieves is suspected of "working" the wealthy congregations of several large Boston churches. Rectors and sextons of at least two houses of worship have been notified recently of purse and handbag thefts during services. Circumstances have led to the conviction that it is the same band that operated last spring among Back Bay churchgoers. Trinity Church in Copley square and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral have been visited by members of the female gang lately.

The suspects are all women. One of them, at least, disguises herself in deep mourning, apparently to throw her prospective victims off their guard. Others of the suspected band are stunningly gowned girls, attired always in the latest styles. One of the suspects is about fifty years old, another is said to be not more than twenty. Invariably the thefts are from women in the congregations, and most often the stolen articles disappear during communion services, when the communicants leave their pews to receive the sacrament. They return to find that the demure, well-attired girl who sat beside them is gone; so also is the purse or handbag, containing money or jewelry, perhaps, which they had left on the cushioned seat when they went forward. Or again, the sorrowful, aged woman in widow's weeds, whose heavy black veil had completely hidden her features, has vanished and the worshiper's costly muff or rich fur piece is missing, too.—Boston Post.

GOING BACK INTO HISTORY

Italians and Greeks, With Small Forces, Captured Constantinople in Year 1453.

On account of the fact that the Turks are in this great European war it is interesting to recall from the pages of history that on May 29, 1453, the forces of the Italians and Greeks, numbering only about 14,000, conquered Constantinople against an estimated defending army of Turks of 200,000. This has been disputed in history as to numbers engaged, but the salient fact remains that the city founded by the Emperor Constantine was captured by the Italians and Greeks at that time.

The days following the Crusades had been marked by changes indescribable in brief description. The Mohammedan element had become dominant. Then in a political movement the Italians and Greeks assaulted the very citadel of Mohammedism and after a long fight against tremendous odds captured the then rather insignificant capital of the Gateway to the Orient, which has been the scene of many strifes since that time and is now one of the main issues of the greatest of all wars, The Arabic peoples had been aroused by the growth of Mohammedanism. The thought that if a devotee of Islamism died for his faith he was at once destined to translation to the seventh heaven was paramount to all other thoughts. Then it was that the uprising of the Christian Latins and Greeks intruded into the long years of the rule of Islam and conquered Constantinople.

The Optimist.

On the whole, poets do not seem to have too good a time of it. It is rather rare for an editor to see eye to eye with them in regard to the quality of their work.

Percival Flitpot had had his work "turned down" by five editors in succession, and was now being told the cold and bitter truth by the sixth. His rage got the better of him.

"Some day," he burst out, "you editors will be fighting for my work."

"Never mind," chortled he of the hard heart. "When that day comes, even if I lose, I'll be just as happy!"

Philadelphia Inquirer.

But Father's pocketbook can even be reached from a distance



Financial Genius.

Mr. Foghorn—Take out your debt in singing lessons! You're crazy! What kind of a voice do you think I have? Professor Squeale—Like a steam whistle, only worse. But when you've taken one lesson in your home the neighbors will raise the money and pay the debt.

The Last Resort.

A Chicago judge has just ruled that "the man is still head of the house." Further details, however, might disclose that when he went home his wife applied the recall of judicial decisions.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

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Eastern Time.

WESTBOUND.

Lv. Lancaster . . . 6:00am—2:30pm
Lv. Fort Lawn . . . 6:30am—4:08pm
Lv. Bascomville . . . 6:47am—4:28pm
Lv. Richburg . . . 6:58am—4:43pm
Ar. Chester . . . 7:40am—5:25pm

EASTBOUND.

Lv. Chester . . . 9:00am—6:45pm
Lv. Richburg . . . 9:45am—7:27pm
Lv. Bascomville . . . 10:00am—7:38pm
Lv. Fort Lawn . . . 10:30am—7:55pm
Ar. Lancaster . . . 11:00am—8:25pm

Connections—Chester with Southern, Seaboard and Carolina & Northwestern Railways.

Fort Lawn, with Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Lancaster, with Southern Railway.

A. P. McLURE, Supt.

CITATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

County of Lancaster.

By J. E. Stewman, Judge of Probate.

Whereas W. S. Moore has made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of Maggie McIlwain, deceased. These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Lancaster on August 13th, 1915, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of July Anno Domini 1915.

J. E. STEWMAN,

Probate Judge.

CITATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

County of Lancaster.

By J. E. Stewman, Judge of Probate.

Whereas, Maggie C. Magill has made suit to me to grant her letters of administration of the estate and effects of John B. Magill, deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Lancaster on August 10th, 1915, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of July Anno Domini 1915.

J. E. STEWMAN,

Probate Judge.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of U. M. Neal, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

MATILDA M. NEAL,

Executrix Estate of said Deceased.

July 2, 1915.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, as administratrix of the estate of Manly J. Small, deceased, on the 23rd day of August, 1915, make her final return as such guardian and apply to the probate court of Lancaster county for letters of dismissal.

JERUSHA A. SMALL,

Guardian Estate of said Deceased.

July 23, 1915.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, as administratrix of the estate of W. T. VanLandingham, deceased, on the 30th day of August, 1915, make her final return as such administratrix and apply to the probate court of Lancaster county for letters of dismissal.

ALICE VANLANDINGHAM,

Administratrix Estate of said Deceased.

July 30, 1915.

Word of Caution.

"May I say just a word before you impose sentence?" asked the street railway magnate. "Well, what is it?" snapped the court. "Please remember, your honor, that you are imposing sentence and not granting me a franchise," he cautioned, fearing for the worst.—Buffalo Express.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Premier Carrier of the South.

PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULES.

Trains arrive Lancaster from:

No. 118—Yorkville, Rock Hill and intermediate stations 8:31 a. m.

No. 113—Charleston, Columbia and intermediate stations 10:05 a. m.

No. 114—Marion, Blacksburg, Charlotte and intermediate stations, 1:35 p. m.

No. 117—Columbia, Kingsville and intermediate stations, 7:41 p. m.

Trains leave Lancaster for:

No. 118—Kingsville, Columbia and intermediate stations, 8:31 a. m.

No. 113—Rock Hill, Blacksburg, Marion, Charlotte and intermediate stations, 10:05 a. m.

No. 114—Kingsville, Columbia, Charleston and intermediate stations 1:35 p. m.

No. 117—Rock Hill, Yorkville and intermediate stations, 7:41 p. m.

Schedule figures are published as information only, not guaranteed. For information as to passenger fares, etc., call on

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JAPANESE CABINET QUILTS

Others Follow Lead of Premier.

Bribery Charges Cause.

Tokio, July 30.—The Japanese Cabinet headed by Count Okuma as premier, has resigned. This action followed the resignation yesterday of Viscount Kanetake Oura, minister of the interior after an investigation by the ministry of justice into bribery charges resulting from the March parliamentary elections.

Viscount Oura's resignation was sanctioned by Emperor Yoshihito, after a report on the situation had been made to him by Count Okuma.

Premier Okuma, believing he should hold himself responsible for the acts of the members of his Cabinet, was the first to tender his resignation. The other ministers immediately decided to follow his example.

After receiving Count Okuma the Emperor summoned the elder statesmen for a conference. A Cabinet change at this time is unpopular, because of the war.

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